

**ABSTRACT**

A process for the production of a coating layer from a thermally curable coating composition on a substrate, comprising the successive steps:

- 5    a) providing a substrate to be coated,
- b) applying a backing foil coated on one side with an uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer of a thermally curable coating composition, with its coated side on the entire surface or at least one sub-zone of the surface of the substrate,
- 10    c) supplying thermal energy onto the entire coating applied in step b), and
- d) removing the backing foil from the coating which remains on the substrate; wherein the supply of thermal energy onto the coating proceeds
- 15    prior to and/or after removal of the backing foil.